

REMARKS

The claims in the application are 17-21, 24-39 and Claim 40 added by the present amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

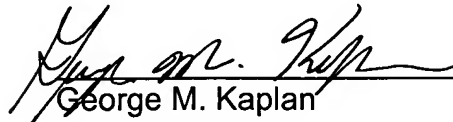
The previous Amendment filed March 10, 2005 has been entered in box 7.b) of the Advisory Action. Accordingly, Claims 20, 21, 34 and 37-39 have been allowed. Furthermore, the claims have been amended in accordance with the comments in paragraph 11 of the Advisory Action.

More particularly, independent Claim 17 has been amended to recite the claimed indicator undergoes a color tone change from colorless to color by hydrogen peroxide low temperature plasma sterilization. Thus, this chemical color change is the exact opposite of the color change, e.g., in JP '986. Concerning JP '904, dependent Claim 40 recites this color tone change occurs by opening of a lactone ring in the fluoran pigment; in JP '904, the color tone change occurs by oxidative decomposition and disappearance of the triphenylmethane dye in JP '904, a totally unrelated chemical mechanism.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted Claims 17-19, 24-33, 35, 36 and 40 are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. A petition for a second and third month extension of time for response under 37 .C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate together with the requisite petition fee (a petition for a one month extension of time for response having been previously-filed) and RCE fee.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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